

- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-199063, and patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004-0093337 to SHEN et al., which was published on May 13, 2004.

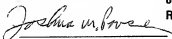
The relevance of these documents, as ascertained by the International Examiner are set forth in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the same.

Applicants note that all of the above-noted documents (together with English language translations) were previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on June 28, 2006, and thus, copies of these documents are not provided herewith. Also, Applicants note that no fee or certification is required to ensure consideration of these materials, as they were already submitted, as well as because no action on the merits has been issued in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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